



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

MAY 03 1990

Ridgway M. Hall, Jr.
Crowell & Moring
1001 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20004-2505

Re: Winnebago Reclamation Landfill (Pagel's Pit)

Dear Mr. Hall:

I am in receipt of your March 9, 1990, letter in which you set forth a proposal to share costs and responsibility for the installation of additional groundwater sampling wells with the Acme Settlers' Coalition.

Unfortunately, your proposal was received after the Acme Settlers' Coalition had already submitted a plan for the installation of the wells, and the plan had been reviewed and approved by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) in consultation with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. By the time your letter actually reached my attention, on March 20, 1990, the drill rigs were, in fact, already on site.

While the drilling methods chosen by the Coalition differ from those proposed in Mr. Hill's letter of November 15, 1989, U.S. EPA is confident that the method which it has approved will yield useful samples.

As a further matter, U.S. EPA does not believe that your client has demonstrated that the contamination found in the southeast corner of the site originates from the Acme Solvent site. It is still U.S. EPA's intention to require your clients to perform additional work in the area between the two sites.

In appreciation of your interest in this matter, I am,

Sincerely yours,


Steven P. Kaiser
Assistant Regional Counsel

bcc. Bernie Schorle, U.S. EPA
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